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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-31
DATE: June 04, 2013
RE: H.B. NO. 18-64

The Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which House Bill No. 18-64 was referred, entitled:

“To amend Rota Local Law No. 17-6; and for other purposes.”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion and deliberation on the bill, your Committee recommends that the House pass House Bill No. 18-64 in its current form.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of House Bill No. 18-64 is to amend, Rota Local Law No. 17-6, to name the recently merged Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School and the Rota High School on Rota, to “Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School”.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Rota Local Law No. 17-6 renamed the Rota Junior High School located in Songsong Village, Rota as the “Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School” in recognition and appreciation of her untiring and outstanding contributions to the Public School System and to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The committee further finds that on August 25th, 2011 the CNMI State Board of Education voted and approved to merge Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School and Rota High School. In light of the State Board of Education’s action, the committee agrees with the intent of House Bill No. 18-64 to assure the continuity in honoring the legacy of the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos and her dedication, achievements, contributions and commitment to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System that the name shall be “Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School”. Ms. Tanya King, former Vice Chairperson of the CNMI State Board of Education and currently serves as a member has expressed her support for House Bill No. 18-64.

C. Legislative History:

House Bill No. 18-64 was introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos on April 25, 2013 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations for disposition. An identical legislation was introduced in the 17th CNMI Legislature and was passed by the House of Representatives on December 05, 2011. It was transmitted to the Senate and referred to the Standing Committee on Education. No subsequent action was taken thereafter.

D. Cost Benefit:

The enactment of House Bill No. 18-64 will result in a minimal loss to the Commonwealth government but the tribute honoring the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos and her contribution to the CNMI Public School System will heavily outweighs such a loss.

III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 18-64 and recommends its passage by the House in its current form.


Respectfully submitted,



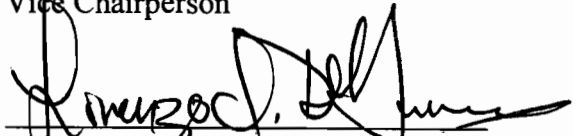
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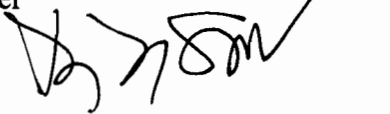
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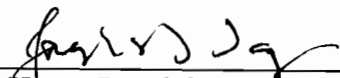
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Rep. Anthony T. Benavente
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Rep. Teresita A. Santos
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Reviewed by: 
House Legal Counsel

Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2013

H. B. 18- 64

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To Amend Rota Local Law No. 17-6; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that Rota Local Law 17-6
2 renamed the Rota Junior High School located in Songsong Village, Rota to “Dr.
3 Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School” in recognition and appreciation of Dr. Inos’
4 untiring and outstanding contributions to the Public Schools System and to the
5 people of the Commonwealth. The Legislature further finds that on August 25th,
6 2011 the Board of Education (BOE) voted and approved to merge Dr. Rita Hocog
7 Inos Junior High School and Rota High School. In light of the BOE’s decision to
8 merge the two schools, it would only be fitting that the name be kept.

9 The purpose of this Act is to assure the continuity in honoring the legacy
10 of the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos and her dedication, achievements, contributions
11 and commitment to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public
12 Schools System.

1 **Section 2. Amendment.** Rota Local Law 17-6, Section 2 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **“Renaming of the Rota Junior/Senior High School.** The Rota
4 Junior/Senior High School located in Songsong Village, Rota is hereby
5 renamed as the *“Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School”* in
6 recognition and appreciation of her untiring and outstanding
7 contributions to the Public Schools System and to the people of the
8 Commonwealth.”

9 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application
10 of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a
11 court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
12 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
13 shall not be affected thereby.

14 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
15 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
16 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted
17 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
18 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
19 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
20 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

1 **Section 5. Effective Date.** Upon its approval by the Governor, or its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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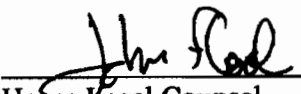
Date:

Introduced By:



Rep. Teresita A. Santos

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



House Legal Counsel